



North Region Coastal District

Department of Conservation and Recreation

AUGUST 2017 COMING EVENTS

All Programs are FREE and open to the public. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **For program cancellations phone 978-937-2094 ext. 121, one hour before start time. Rain Cancels.** Bring water. Strongly recommend sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and footwear suitable for walking on the beach, and on paths. For more information phone (781) 485-2804 Ext. 105 or email Matthew.Nash@state.ma.us. For a listing of programs at other DCR state parks visit www.mass.gov/DCR.



**Semipalmated
Plovers**



**Hermit
Crab**

Winthrop Shores Reservation

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| Tuesdays
August 1
& 15 | Avian Delights-Evening 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Observe migrating shorebirds and learn about their adaptations for survival as we walk on the beach sand for a distance of up to one mile. Terrain can be uneven. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. |
| Fridays
August 4
& 18 | Avian Delights-Morning 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Observe migrating shorebirds and learn about their adaptations for survival as we walk on the beach sand for a distance of up to one mile. Terrain can be uneven. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. |
| Saturdays
August 12
& 26 | Avian Delights-Afternoon 2:30 -3:30 p.m.
Observe migrating shorebirds and learn about their adaptations for survival as we walk on the beach sand for a distance of up to one mile. Terrain can be uneven. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. |
| Wednesdays
August 9
& 23 | Beachcomber Scavenger Hunt 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Did you know that marine snails are like sharks because they have rows of sharp teeth that they use to devour their prey? Learn about the fascinating lives of sea animals and discover new treasures of vacant animal shells, as we walk on the uneven terrain of beach sand for a distance of up to half a mile. |
| Fridays
August 11
& 25 | Nature Storytime Exploration 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Listen to a nature-themed children's story followed by an exploration of nature. Recommended for ages 4-10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a towel, blanket or beach chair to sit on. |

Meet at: Winthrop Beach on Winthrop Shore Drive across from Sturgis Street and 62 Winthrop Shore Drive, Winthrop, MA. On street parking is available free of charge. Accessible by Public Transportation: Paul Revere Transportation bus 712 or 713 Point Shirley-Orient Heights, arrive at the Winthrop Beach stop then walk down Sturgis Street, Winthrop MA (If traveling from outside Winthrop, board the bus at the MBTA Orient Heights station on the blue line). Visit www.MBTA.com for bus and train information (schedule, route and fees).

Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation

Saturdays **An Oasis for Wildlife 8:15 -9:15 a.m.**
August 5
& 19

Discover the abundant birdlife at Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, a restored wildlife sanctuary. We will walk while birding for a distance of a mile on easy level terrain. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. Reasonable accommodations available upon request.

Meet at: Main Parking lot near the bulletin board, located on Bennington Street, East Boston between address 1236 Bennington St., East Boston and 173 Bennington St., Revere. Parking is on a paved lot and is free of charge. Accessible by public transportation: MBTA Blue line, Beachmont Station. Exit station, turn right, at intersection cross State Road/Bennington Street, travel right along Bennington Street to park entrance on the left. Visit www.MBTA.com for bus and train information.

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Short Beach

Saturday **What Lies Beneath the Sea 9:00-10:30 a.m.**
August 12

Did you know that barnacles are an animal that sweeps its legs through the water to catch its food consisting of tiny floating plants and animals? Discover what animals lay beneath the sea on this tide pool exploration and learn how these animals struggle for survival and satisfy their voracious appetites. Be prepared for walking on rocky and slippery ground and getting your feet wet. Some nets will be provided but bring a net if you have one.

Meet at: Short Beach section of Winthrop Shores Reservation, Winthrop, MA, (Beachside on the sidewalk near the boundary between Revere Street, Winthrop, MA and Winthrop Parkway, Revere MA). Parking is free of charge but limited on the street and in a small lot across the street.

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Halibut Point State Park

Sunday, **Birding 101 at Halibut Point State Park 8:00 -10:00 a.m.**
August 20

Join us on a two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Beginners are encouraged to attend. Boots are advisable. Please bring your binoculars and if you are able to a spotting scope to share. For more information, contact Peter at peter@caliper.com

Meet at: Halibut Point State Park, Parking lot, on Gott Avenue in Rockport.
Daily Parking Fee applies, visit
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passes-and-fees/>

Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.